1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA) Case No. 2:21-cr-00073-JCM-EJY
10 11 12 13 14	Plaintiff, vs. Kelton Simon, Defendant. Certification: This response is timely filed.	Government's Response to Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum (ECF No. 33)
16	I. Introduction	
17	The United States of America submits this brief in response to Defendant Kelton	
18	Simon's Sentencing Memorandum (ECF No. 33). Simon's sentencing hearing is currently	
19	scheduled for July 7, 2021.	
20	In summary, the government recommends that the Court sentence Simon at the lov	
21	end of the advisory Guideline range as determined by the Court. The government further	
22	recommends that defendant be subject to home confinement, provided at least one month	
23	satisfied by imprisonment. Finally, the government recommends that restitution in the	
24	amount of \$71,335.72 be ordered joint and severally liable with the five similarly charged	

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defendants. This is consistent with the government's position in the plea agreement (ECF No. 30) and such a sentence is sufficient but not greater than necessary to achieve the sentencing goals under 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

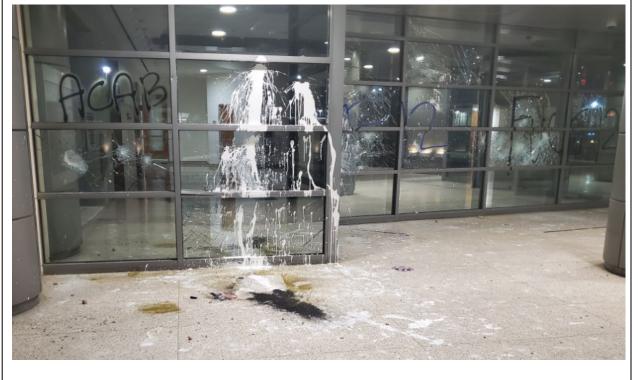
II. Relevant Facts and Procedural Background

On May 30, 2020, a large crowd gathered in front of the Foley Federal Building, located at 333 South Las Vegas Boulevard. PSR ¶10. Several individuals, including Simon, broke apart from the crowd and began to damage the building. *Id.* Windows were shattered, the walls of the building were spray painted with obscenities and anti-law enforcement graffiti, signs were destroyed, and the landscaping was lit on fire. *Id.* Simon, along with others, went to the east entrance of the building and tried to break the windows in an attempt to make entry. *Id.* ¶ 14. An on-duty Federal Protective Service Security Officer, T.W., who was stationed inside, witnessed the damage and attempted break-in. *Id.* ¶ 11. T.W. stated the crowd outside could see him inside the lobby and they were chanting, "Get him! Get the Cop!" *Id.* T.W. was in fear of the crowd breaking through the windows and the potential actions against his person if the crowd successfully made entry. *Id.* Ultimately, police units arrived, and the crowd was dispersed. *Id.*



"Foley Federal Building United States Courthouse" sign with letters torn off and graffiti.

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Damage to front of Foley Federal Building

On April 7, 2021, Simon pleaded guilty to Depredation Against Property of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1361 and 2. ECF No. 31.

III. Sentencing

In conformity with the plea agreement, the government respectfully requests that the Court sentence Simon to the low end of the Guideline range calculated by the Court. If the Court accepts U.S. Probation's Office's current calculation of a Total Offense Level of 10 and a Criminal History Category of II, a sentence at the low end of the resulting Guidelines range would be eight months imprisonment. PSR at 21.

The government further recommends that U.S.S.G. §5C1.1(c)(2) should be applied to Simon's sentence so that he may be subject to home confinement according to the schedule in 5C.1.(e)(3), provided at least one month is satisfied by imprisonment. The government believes this sentence would be sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to

achieve the sentencing goals of 18 U.S.C. §3553(a). When Simon joined with others on May 30, 2020, he purposefully destroyed federal property. PSR ¶ 89. His actions and willful participation promoted violence, vandalism, and destruction and he should be held accountable for this unlawful behavior. The requested sentence reflects the seriousness of the offense, as well as the need to promote respect for the law, deter future criminal conduct, and provide just punishment.

IV. Restitution

The damage to the Foley Federal Building was significant, totaling \$71,335.52. PSR ¶ 16. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the government recommends that the Court order the full amount of restitution, to be imposed jointly and severally liable with the defendants in: *United States v. Wallace*, 2:20-cr-289-RFB-VCF; *United States v. Kostan*, 2:21-cr-81-APG-DJA; *United States v. Lewis*, 2:21-cr-00044-JAD-DJA; *United States v. Avalos*, 2:21-cr-92-JAD-VCF; and *United States v. Cherry*, 2:21-mj-139-DJA. Restitution is payable to:

General Services Administration (GSA) Attn: Herb Orrell 333 S. Las Vegas Blvd, #5501 Las Vegas, NV 89101

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V. Conclusion

The government respectfully requests that this Honorable Court sentence Simon to the low end of the Guidelines, allowing Simon to be subject to home confinement, so long as one month is satisfied by imprisonment.

DATED this 1st day of July 2021.

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